1 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 In the Matter of the Mortgage Broker License of: No. 10F-BD149-SBD 3 FERNANDO A. PEREZ DBA BEST FUNDING MORTGAGE LOANS ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION 4 7310 N. 85th Drive AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR Glendale, AZ 85305 HEARING 5 Respondent. 6 7 The Arizona Department of Financial Institutions (the "Department") hereby finds that 8 Fernando A. Perez DBA Best Funding Mortgage Loans, ("Respondent") has violated the provisions 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 6 as set forth below and finds that the public health, 10 safety and welfare require emergency action pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-905 and 41-1092.11(B). 11 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED to summarily suspend the Arizona mortgage broker 12 license held by Respondent. This suspension is effective immediately. 13 EFFECTIVE this 12th day of May, 2010. 14 Lauren W. Kingry Superintendent of Financial Institutions 15 16 Robert D. Charlton Assistant Superintendent of Financial Institutions 17 18 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Titles 6 and 41 of the Arizona Revised Statutes 19 20 and Title 20, Chapter 4 of the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C."), Respondent is hereby notified that they are entitled to a hearing to contest the allegations set forth in this Order. The 21 Request for Hearing shall be filed with the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions (the 22 "Department") pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-137(D) within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1092.01(D) and 41-1092.03(B), any person may appear on his or

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her own behalf or by counsel. If Respondent is represented by counsel, the information required by A.R.S. § 41-1092.03(B) shall be included in the Request for Hearing. Upon the filing of a Request for Hearing, the Department shall issue a Notice of Hearing scheduling the matter for hearing in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1092.05. Persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations such as interpreters, alternative formats, or assistance with physical accessibility. Requests for special accommodations must be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations. If accommodations are required, call the Office of Administrative Hearings at (602) 542-9826.

Respondent has the right to request an Informal Settlement Conference, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.06, by filing a written request no later than **twenty (20) days** before the scheduled hearing. The conference will be held within **fifteen (15) days** after receipt of your request. If an Informal Settlement Conference is requested, a person with the authority to act on behalf of the Department will be present (the "Department Representative"). Please note that in requesting an Informal Settlement Conference, Respondent waives any right to object to the participation of the Department Representative in the final administrative decision of this matter, if it is not settled. In addition, any written or oral statement made by Respondent at such informal settlement conference, including written documentation created or expressed solely for purposes of settlement negotiations, are inadmissible in any subsequent administrative hearing. (See A.R.S. § 41-1092.06 for rules regarding informal settlement conferences.) Conversely, any written or oral statement made by Respondent outside an Informal Settlement Conference is not barred from being admitted by the Department in any subsequent hearing.

If Respondent does not request a hearing, this Order shall become final. If Respondent requests a hearing, the purpose of the hearing shall be to determine if grounds exist for: (1) the issuance of an order pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-137 directing Respondent to cease and desist from the violative conduct and to take the appropriate affirmative actions, within a reasonable period of time prescribed by the Superintendent, to correct the conditions resulting from the unlawful acts,

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practices, and transactions; (2) the imposition of a civil monetary penalty pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-132; (3) the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-905; (4) an order to pay restitution of any fees earned on loans made in violation of A.R.S. §§ 6-901, *et seq.*, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-131(A)(3) and 6-137; and (5) an order or any other remedy necessary or proper for the enforcement of statutes and rules regulating mortgage brokers pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-123 and 6-131

FINDINGS

- 1. Respondent Fernando A. Perez DBA Best Funding Mortgage Loans is a sole proprietor authorized to transact business in Arizona as a mortgage broker, license number MB 0907998, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 6-901, et seq. The nature of Fernando A. Perez DBA Best Funding Mortgage Loans' business is that of making, negotiating, or offering to make or negotiate loans secured by Arizona real property, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 6-901(11).
- 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-903(J), Respondent is required to have a surety bond in the amount set forth in A.R.S. § 6-903(K), or an alternative as set forth in A.R.S. § 6-903(M).
- 3. On November 9, 2009, the Department received notification from RLI Surety stating that Fernando A. Perez DBA Best Funding Mortgage Loans' surety bond, number PRS1176376 in the amount of \$10,000.00, was to be cancelled effective January 27, 2010.
- 4. On November 19, 2009, the Department sent an email to Respondent, to the email address on record with the Department, informing them of the bond cancellation.
- 5. Respondent failed to provide documentation regarding the reinstatement of their bond or documentation of a new surety bond.
- 6. Respondent does not have the required surety bond in order to conduct business as a mortgage broker.
- 7. The conduct described above constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare warranting immediate suspension of Respondent's mortgage broker license.
 - 8. The conduct described above constitutes grounds for the suspension of Respondent's

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LAW

- 1. Pursuant to A.R.S. Title 6, Chapter 9, the Superintendent has the authority and duty to regulate all persons engaged in the mortgage broker business and with the enforcement of statutes, rules, and regulations relating to mortgage brokers.
- 2. By the conduct set forth in the Findings, Respondent has failed to maintain the surety bond required by A.R.S § 6-903(J).
- 3. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-905 and 41-1092.11(B), the conduct described above constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare warranting immediate suspension of Respondent's mortgage broker license.
- 4. Respondent has not conducted business in accordance with the law and have violated Title 6, Chapter 9, which constitutes grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-905(A)(3).
- 5. The violations, set forth above, constitute grounds for the pursuit of any other remedy necessary or proper for the enforcement of statutes and rules regulating mortgage brokers in Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-123 and 6-131.
- 6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-132, Respondent's violations of the aforementioned statutes are grounds for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation for each day.

WHEREFORE, if Respondent does not request a hearing to contest the above Findings or produce evidence of a valid surety bond, Respondent's license shall remain suspended unless and until reinstated or until said license expires by operation of law.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2010.

Lauren W. Kingry Superintendent of Financial Institutions

1 Robert D. Charlton 2 Assistant Superintendent of Financial Institutions 3 4 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 12th day of May, 2010, in the office of: 5 Lauren W. Kingry 6 Superintendent of Financial Institutions Arizona Department of Financial Institutions ATTN: Susan Longo 2910 N. 44th Street, Suite 310 Phoenix, AZ 85018 9 COPY mailed/delivered same date to: 10 Craig A. Raby 11 Assistant Attorney General Attorney General's Office 12 1275 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 13 Richard Fergus, Licensing Division Manager 14 Robert D. Charlton, Assistant Superintendent Arizona Department of Financial Institutions 15 2910 N. 44th Street, Suite 310 Phoenix, AZ 85018 16 17 AND COPY MAILED SAME DATE, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to: 18 Fernando A. Perez DBA Best Funding Mortgage Loans 19 7310 N. 85th Drive Glendale, AZ 85305 20 Respondent 21 22 23 24 25

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